

Description, Rationale, and References for Attending to Story/Text Structure

Description

Narrative and expository texts are two types of texts that are important parts of a comprehensive reading program. Students build and extend background knowledge and vocabulary by hearing and reading narrative and expository texts. In story and text structure instruction, students learn to identify categories of content and how this content is organized in text. A good sense of the organization and structure of texts helps readers understand and remember what they read.

Rationale

Listening to and reading both types of texts helps readers:

- Comprehend a variety of written materials
- Build and extend background knowledge about a variety of topics
- Develop vocabulary
- Learn how different texts are organized and written
- Improve the recall of key text information
- Discover what is likely to be most relevant for understanding the story

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